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Congressman Dent announces \$1.2 million Commerce Department grant for Northampton Community College workforce training

U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today announced the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration has awarded a \$1.2 million grant to the Northampton Community College (NCC) Workforce Development Training Center in Bethlehem.

Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said the investment will help expand the Workforce Development Training Center. The investment is expected to create 1,650 new jobs and generate \$30 million in private investment.

"Northampton Community College is an important resource for job training and economic development in the Lehigh Valley," said U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent. "This commitment by the Commerce Department will help grow the quality of our workforce and improve job prospects for the people of Northampton County."

"Through economic development grants like these, the Commerce Department will continue to encourage investments in local areas, grow the economy and create jobs," Secretary Gutierrez said.

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) serves as a venture capital resource to meet the economic development needs of

distressed communities throughout the United States. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American Regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

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